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SUBJECT: LEBANON: "SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM" TO SUPPORT
GAER'S CANDIDACY FOR COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

REF: A. (A) STATE 126155
1B. (B) BEIRUT 1405

Classified By: DCM William Grant for reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

(C) The Ambassador delivered reftel A demarche to Acting Foreign Minister Tareq Mitri on October 1, 2007. This was a follow-up to the demarche delivered by Poloff on September 6, 2007 (reftel B). Mitri did not think there would be a problem supporting the re-election candidacy for Ms. Felice Gaer to the seat on the United Nations Committee Against Torture, and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which is scheduled to take place in Geneva on October 8, 2007. Mitri also noted the U.S. and Lebanese diplomatic missions had discussed the issue in either New York or Geneva.

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